

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2005. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1-22 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-17 and 19 were rejected. Claims 20-22 were allowed and Claims 7, 10 and 18 were objected to. However, in the body of the office action, the Examiner still rejected claims 20-22 for the same reasons as in the last office action. Applicants assume that claims 20-22 have been allowed. Applicants cancelled claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 18 and amended claims 3, 4, 8, 11, 14, 15, and 19. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action of all claims as amended in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 7, 10, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20-22 have been previously amended to include all limitations of former claims 7, 10, and 18 and intervening claims, respectively. Applicants canceled claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 18 and amended claims 3, 4, 8, 11, 14, 15, and 19. The amendments correct the dependencies of dependent claims now being dependent on the allowed claims 20-22. Therefore, Applicants believe that all pending claims are now allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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